



# November Newsletter

October was a very busy month for 4Mur! We spent time with our Kindergarten buddies. The students thoroughly enjoyed the Coin Carnival and our Halloween festivities, and enjoyed our swimming lessons at the TLC. It's hard to believe November is here!

Thank you to our parent volunteers who were able to help with Recycling and the Coin Carnival this month. Our school and our class appreciate your time and efforts!

4Murdoch is responsible for milk and juice box recycling every Wednesday. If any parents are available from 12:20-1:00 to help supervise a small group, please let me know.

## Important Dates:

**Nov.4:** Book orders due

**Nov. 9-** Grade 4 in-school Wildlife & Litter Presentation @ 2:00

**Nov. 10 -** Remembrance Day Celebration in the Gym @ 9:30 am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Nov. 11 -** Remembrance Day. No School.

**Nov. 12-13 -**Fall Break- No School

**Nov. 23-** Report Cards go home.

**Nov. 25 & 26-** Parent Teacher Interviews

## Inquiry Learning

Here are 3 simple ways you can practice Inquiry based learning at home...

1. Ask your child *why* they think certain answers are correct, or *how* they came up with the answer.
2. Instead of telling your child the answers, have them *research* to find the answer.
3. Give your children riddles and puzzles to work on.

## Report Cards and Interviews

I would like to inform you that the first report card for your child will be sent home on the 23rd of November. I encourage all of you to attend parent/teacher in-

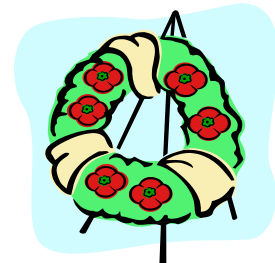
terviews November 25th or 26th to discuss the progress of your son/daughter thus far this school year. I am very proud of all of the students and the strides that they have al-

ready taken both intellectually and socially. Please sign this first report card and return it to school with your child or bring it with you when you attend parent teacher interviews.



*Parent Homework: Please remember to read and initial your child's agenda every day!*

"Peace be with you."  
Genesis XLIII. 23



## LANGUAGE ARTS

I am so excited to see all of the reading that has been happening at home this month. It has been wonderful to receive so many Home Reading Apples completed and brought back to school. We continue with the adventures in our novel study *Tales of a 4th Grade Nothing*. We are all excited to see and hear all about the awesome book projects you have worked so hard on.

Our writing traits program this month will focus on Organization of ideas and grammar will focus on homonyms and contractions. There will be no spelling the week of November 9.

## SOCIAL STUDIES

We have had a great start to our unit on Alberta's geography as we investigate which region is best suited for our Zambini friends from Italy to live in. Students will take a hands-on inquiry approach to working together in groups to research a region and create a presentation for the class (and the Zambini's!) to promote their region.



## MATH



This month our math focus is on Patterns & Equations. The outcomes from this unit include :

- Identify and describe patterns in charts
- Extend and represent patterns (using tables)
- Express a problem as an equation using a symbol as an unknown number
- Solve one-step equations involving +, -, X and -.

Keep practicing your basic facts at home as much as possible!

## SCIENCE

This month we will complete our exploration of Waste and Our World. We will be looking at how landfills work, the advantages and disadvantages to packaging, and hazardous symbols on containers both at home and at school. There will be a unit test at the end of the month .

## RELIGION

Students will begin to learn more about the Holy Bible and are expected to find and read passages on a daily basis during our morning prayer. By reading the Word of God students will strive to spread the Good News, while following in the footsteps of Jesus. Students are learning how Jesus told parables to teach people about God and how to act towards others. In groups they will be teaching a parable they

have chosen to the rest of the class. Ask them to describe it to you at home!



## Miscellaneous

### Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following terrific people!

Leon - November 24

We hope you enjoy your special day!



### Star Students



Thank you **Jensen** for wonderful participation and creative ideas!

**Taylor**, thank you for all of your hard work and for being such a great role model. You always give your best effort!

**Brenden**, thank you for the fun

energy you always bring to class, and for your goofy body tricks that make me smile! (and cringe!)

*“Your talent is God’s gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God.”*

*-Leo Buscaglia*

I hope everyone has a happy and peaceful November. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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